



## Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

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# SWARCer News

February 2013

## Announcements

**Next Club Meeting:** February 4th, 2013 - 6pm dinner - 7pm meeting  
Location: Fuquay Varina Presbyterian Church - 307 N. Ennis St. - Fuquay Varina, NC  
Program: Auction

### Weekly Informal Breakfast

Every Saturday 9am - Now meeting at Golden Corral in Garner, NC - Hwy 401 & Tryon Rd.

## January Meeting Minutes

Dave opened the meeting at 6:50pm with introductions. We had four guests at the meeting. Steve WA3TMR, Todd KJ4RWI, Kenn Kubacki (no call but testing very soon), and Norman Strickland (friend of Charles W4DBI and very interested in the hobby).

### Old business:

- There was some discussion about the Radio Flyer wagon donation. We are waiting to hear back from Larry WD4LCW on exactly what model of wagon we need to purchase.

- Winter field day is January 26 - 27th. We are still planning to hold this at Steve KJ4LBR's house at Topsail Beach. Please sign up on the website if you are interested. Right now there are only 4 people signed up. Dave K4MSE and Jim K9RII volunteered to bring down their radios.

### New business:

- Dave K4MSE has spoken with Tim W4TAR about cooking BBQ chicken at the April meeting. Tim has confirmed this is still the plan. More news to come on this.

- The club will be hosting an auction as the meeting program at the February 2013 meeting. Everybody should bring something to the auction. Steve KA0GMY was unanimously nominated as the auctioneer. If there is a set price on any item, please make sure you let Steve know before the auction starts.



## NETS

The following nets take place  
on the 145.21Mhz  
(82.5 Hz)K4ITL  
"Blackjack" Repeater.

**Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net** - Every  
night at at 7:30pm

**South Wake ARC Traders Net** -  
Every Tuesday night of each  
month with the exception of the 2nd  
Tuesday, immediately following the  
Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net.

**South Wake ARC Tech Net** -  
Every 2nd Tuesday night  
immediately following the Nightly  
2m Rag Chew Net

- Steve KA0GMY made a motion to do another HT raffle. The motion was seconded by Charles W4DBI. The motion passed with no objection. Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 each. The drawing will be held at Field Day in June.
- Steve KA0GMY started some discussion on the 145.21 repeater. The club repeater is still in need of repairs. Steve reminded the group that Danny K4ITL is maintaining many area repeaters including ours and made a motion to donate an additional \$350 towards repeater repair. The motion was seconded by Jim K9RII. The motion passed with no objection. Christy KJ4AEO will send a check to Danny K4ITL.
- Charles W4DBI advised that he has been in touch with Bill KG4CXY - Bill runs the Carolina Helping Hams public service website. He advised that Bill will be putting a link and logos on the website to our club website.
- Glenn N4AZR advised that he has been working on the club email distribution list. A sheet was passed around the room to have everybody verify their address.
- Glenn N4AZR advised the group on future meeting programs. The NWS and Central Carolina Skywarn will be doing refresher training at the March meeting. Vlad KK4MRE will be rescheduled to give a program on station power / grounding at the April meeting.

Art KI4YII wrapped things up with a great presentation on Marconi's First Transmitter site in Nova Scotia. Thanks Art!

## SWARCER NEWS

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## APPOINTED POSITIONS

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## South Wake Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Report

January 2013

### Club Addition and Reduction Activity

#### Additions

Dues	30.00	check #1412	Todd Redding KJ4RWI

**Total Additions** 30.00

#### Reductions

PCRN Donation	350.00	check #1528	Danny Hampton

**Total Reductions** 350.00

### RBC Bank Account Activity

Balance as of 01/07/2013	1811.23		
Addition	30.00		
Reduction	350.00		

**Balance as of 02/04/2013** 1491.23

## Net Report

Hello SWARCers! I hope all of you have had a wonderful start to the new year! This report covers all nets of December 2012. The numbers are down from November, but I believe being on our back up repeater, the 147.105 in Broadway was part of the reasoning due to some of our regular check ins not being able to hit the .105 repeater. Ever since moving back home to the 145.21, I have noticed that the activity on the nets are going back up! Hopefully next month's report will be just a little bit better! Starting next month, I will begin with 2013 net reports! The numbers for December 2012 are as follows, and do to the drop in members participating, I have decided to do a top 5 check ins this time instead of a top 10.

Net Sessions: 30 (did not receive one)

SWARC Members Participating: 14

Visitors Participating: 31

Total Check Ins: 390

Average of 13 Check Ins Per Night



And there you have it! This report wraps up 2012. Starting next month, you will see net reports for 2013. I know I have received this question a few times, so I will explain. Some of you have asked why my reports are 2 months back. The reason for that is because when the newsletter started being sent out the weekend before the meeting, in some cases, perfect example is this month, with the meeting being on the 3rd, I have to rush to collect all of the net reports for the previous month. Seeing that all of the net controls are volunteering their time to call nets, I do not want to rush them too much. I could do two reports in one newsletter, but I would like to have a report for each newsletter unless I am away or something else prevents me from being able to access a computer. If you would like me to explain more, please contact me and I will be happy to explain it more. On another note, I am happy to report that we now have a regular net control for each night. KJ4CVK was gracious enough to allow K9RII to take over the Wednesday night net, while KJ4CVK will become the Sunday night net control. K9RII has previous experience as a net control, but it has been a while for him, so go easy on him for a short while, and don't give him too hard of a time if he does get call signs or names wrong. Now all I would like to ask for is some back up/substitute net controls. The reason for that is because the current regular net controls we have are all of the net controls we have total. If you do not have experience as a net control, but have interest, that is ok. If anyone is interested in being a back up/substitute net control, please send an email to [aj4nx@yahoo.com](mailto:aj4nx@yahoo.com). I would like to thank all of the net controls, especially K9RII for stepping up and taking over Wednesday nights for us, and also KJ4CVK for allowing it to happen. That is all I have for this month. 73 till next time!

~AJ4NX~

## **Saturday Breakfast**

Well while K4MSE and KJ4LBR were having fun in the sun we were battling ice and more ice. Saturday Jan 26, 2013 saw icy roads that prevent the usual crowd from getting together at the Golden Corral. However we did get together the previous week.



As you can see we had a large crowd here we see KB8QNE, KI4YII, N4NCT, and KU4ZH, K1DUG was sitting next to Howard but in this scene he was filling another plate.



Here we see Miss Gloria, Miss Betty, K9RII, and N3YEP. Yes we were well off that day. However, if you do not think that we have a

good time then just ask this individual.



Bet you did not think that KB4RZ got up early for anything. Here is proof that he does. Adrian did get dressed and he even demonstrated his new hobby to us.



Of course you can see K1DUG is keeping an eye on K9RII who is getting choked up over Adrian's dancing.

Well as you can see we do have a good time. Of course after the dancing glow worm the manager did come over and discussed the kids behavior with K9RII. We did leave shortly there after.

KA0GMY